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IN RE APPLICATION OF: THOMAS R. GADEK, ET AL. ART UNIT: 1641
SERIAL NO.: 10/073,077 EXAMINER: COUNTS, G.
FILING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2002
FOR: IDENTIFICATION OF NON-COVALENT COMPLEXES BY MASS
SPECTROMETRY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated June 22, 2004, Applicants elect, albeit with traverse, Group I Claims 1-14 for further prosecution at this time. A Request for Extension of Time for one month is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, thereby extending the date for response from July 22, 2004 to August 22, 2004.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

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| Group I: | Claims 1-14, drawn to a method for identifying compounds that bind to a target of interest, classified in class 435, subclass 6; |
| Group II: | Claims 15-19, drawn to a method of preparing a drug lead compound, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1; |
| Group III: | Claim 20, drawn to a method for inhibiting the binding of a second biomolecule to a first biomolecule, classified in class 436, subclass 501. |